



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Art Unit: 3728

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For: BOOT WITH OVERSIZED TOE BOX FOR THERMAL INSULATION

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The Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Communication mailed January 24, 2006.

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